

REMARKS

The claims have been divided into two groups:

Group I, drawn to an anti-viral agent, and

Group II, nominally drawn to a method of treating a virus using the anti-viral agents of Group I.

Applicant respectfully submits that it would not place an undue burden of search on the Examiner to include the method of Group II in the examination process. To facilitate examination, the "use" claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled, and rewritten as claims 9 and 10 in standard U.S. format for therapeutic method claims. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

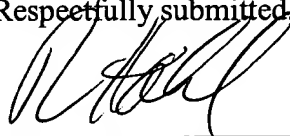
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and prompt examination of the subject application on its merits are respectfully requested.

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AUTHORIZATION

Applicant believes there is no fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,



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